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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

Applicant originally submitted an IDS on March 26, 2004 listing six (6) references including U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/698,241. Subsequently, the Examiner returned an initialed Form PTO-1449 for five (5) references excluding the U.S. application. A copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 is attached herewith.

Upon receiving a Notice of Allowance dated May 9, 2005, Applicant contacted the Examiner requesting another initialed Form PTO-1449 for the U.S. application. The Examiner indicated that the Form PTO-1449 submitted on March 26, 2004 lists the U.S. application under the "U.S. Patent Document" section but the U.S. application should be listed under the "Other Documents" section because this reference is not published. The Examiner suggested that Applicant files a Supplemental IDS listing the reference under the "Other Documents" section of the Form PTO-1449. Accordingly, Applicant submits this paper.

Applicant requests that the reference cited in the accompanying 1449 be considered and an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned to Applicant.

Applicant believes that no fee is due for the submission of this Supplemental IDS. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4825. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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